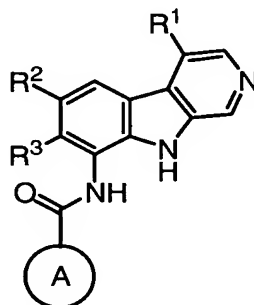


Abstract of the Invention

This invention provides beta-carboline compounds of formula I:



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wherein Ring A is a substituted pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyranyl, tetrahydrofuranlyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl or thiomorpholinyl ring and R¹, R² and R³ are as described in the specification. The compounds are IKK-2 inhibitors that are useful for treating IKK-2-mediated diseases such as inflammatory diseases and cancer.